

PART I: ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

A. Background

The Rhode Island State Planning Council, initially called the Policy Committee, was established on December 20, 1963. It was established by statute in 1978. The Planning Council is charged with developing and maintaining a State Guide Plan as the basic guide for the long-term physical, economic, and social development of the state.

The State Planning Council was designated the Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) Committee on April 29, 1971. When the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy replaced the OEDP, the Planning Council formally became the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee for Rhode Island.

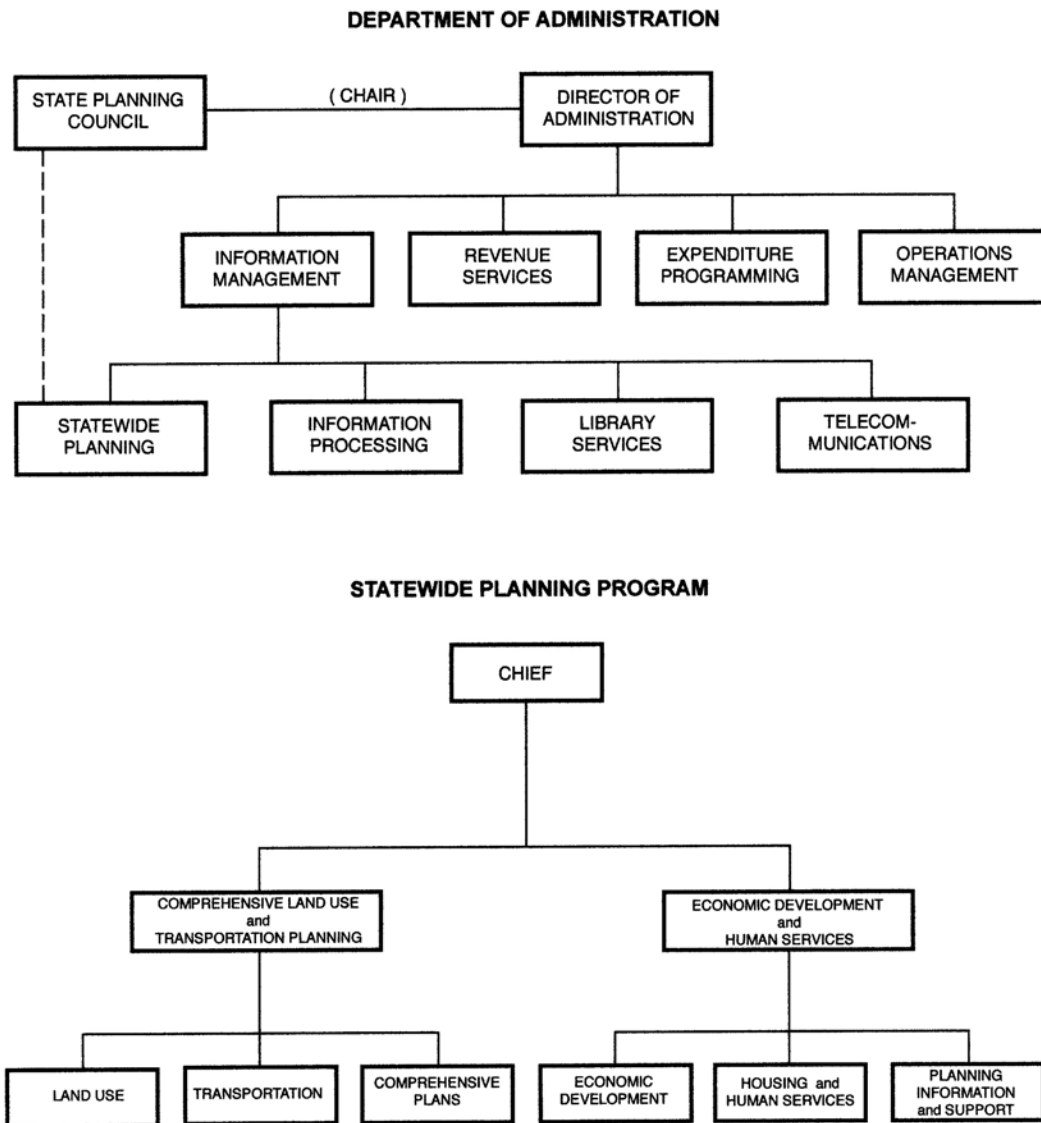
The Statewide Planning Program, within the Department of Administration, provides staff support to the Planning Council (Figure 1). Statewide Planning consists of four major sections: Economic Development, Land Use, Housing and Human Services, and Transportation. Each section is responsible for the preparation and amendment of elements of Rhode Island's State Guide Plan that fall within its area of expertise. For example, the Economic Development Planning Section is responsible for the *Economic Development Policies and Plan*, the *Industrial Land Use Plan*, and the *Rhode Island Energy Plan* as elements of the State Guide Plan, as well as updates and amendments to the CEDS.

B. CEDS Committee Membership During 2002

The Rhode Island State Planning Council/CEDS Committee members are appointed consistent with Subsection 42-11-10(d) of the *General Laws* of 1956 as amended. Presently, the Planning Council members include the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate Majority Leader (or their designees); five state officials (two from the Governor's staff and three from the Department of Administration); two local officials; the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, and four public members.

Figure 1

Figure 1
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The following is a list of the 2002 State Planning Council members and the interests represented:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest Represented*</u>
Robert L. Carl, Jr., Ph.D. (Chairman) Department of Administration	State Government Director Director, RI 1
Clark Greene (Vice Chairman) Governor's Policy Office	State Government Policy 1
John P. O'Brien (Secretary) Chief, Statewide Planning Program RI Department of Administration	State Planning 1, 2
Daniel Beardsley Executive Director, RI League of Cities and Towns	Municipal Government 1, 4
Steven Cardi, Esq. Cardi Corporation Warwick, RI	Contractor 2
Russell C. Dannecker State Senate Fiscal Advisor	State Official 1
William D. Ankner, Ph.D., Director, RI Department of Transportation (Designee of Governor Lincoln C. Almond)	State Government Director
Janet White Raymond Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce	Public Member 1
William Sequino, Jr. Town Manager, Town of East Greenwich	Local Official 1
Representative John Harwood RI House of Representatives	Elected State Official 1
Rosemary Booth Gallogly State Budget Officer	State Finance 1
Vincent Masino Laborers International Union	Public Member 1
Samuel Shamoon Department of Planning, City of Providence	Municipal Official 1, 2
Mayor John O'Leary City of Cranston	Elected Local Official 1
Amanda Whitleather Governor's Office	State-Municipal Relations 1
Melisa Ridenour Federal Highway Administration	Federal Advisory Member 1
Paul E. Lemont, City Manager City of East Providence	Elected Local Official 1

* See note at end of Section C

C. Technical Committee and CEDS Subcommittee

Section 42-11-10(e)(5) of the General Laws requires the Planning Council to appoint a permanent advisory committee comprised of public members from different geographic areas of the state who represent diverse interests and officials of all levels of government. The Technical Committee performs this function. Like the Planning Council, the Technical Committee meets monthly and advises the staff on all aspects of its work including technical studies, rule making and amendments or additions to the State Guide Plan.

With respect to the CEDS, the State Planning Council directs the Technical Committee to review the CEDS project priority rating system and solicit new projects annually. In carrying out this task the Technical Committee appoints a CEDS Subcommittee to work with the staff in revising the rating criteria, soliciting projects and rating those projects.

The State Planning Council has authorized the Technical Committee and staff (i.e., the Economic Development Planning Section of Statewide Planning) to invite individuals from outside the Technical Committee to serve on the CEDS Subcommittee. This has allowed broader representation of constituencies that were heretofore either underrepresented, or not represented at all, in the CEDS process.

The membership of the Technical Committee, with a description of the interests they represent, follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest Represented*</u>
Kristine Stuart, Chair North Kingstown, RI	Public Member 6
M. Paul Sams, Vice Chair RI Water Resources Board	State Policy 1
Diane Feather Department of Planning City of East Providence, RI	Local Planning (American Planning Association) 1, 2
Dennis Langley Urban League of Rhode Island	Economic Empowerment 4, 5
Amrita Hill RI Economic Development Corporation	State Economic Development 1, 2
Thomas Kravitz Department of Planning Town of Burrillville, RI	Local Planning 1, 2
David Trembly Governor's Policy Office	State Policy 1
Janet Keller RI Department of Environmental Management	State Policy 1, 2
Wolfgang Bauer Town of West Warwick, RI	Elected Local Official 1
Robert Letourneau RI Department of Transportation	State Transportation 1, 2
Dr. Walter Combs RI Department of Health	Environmental Health 1, 6
Raymond Allen Public Utilities Commission	State Energy Planning 1
Paige Bronk Planning Department City of Newport, RI	Local Planning 1, 2
Christopher Hawkins Town Planner Town of Smithfield, RI	Local Planning 1, 2
Thomas Willet Planning Department City of Pawtucket, RI	Local Planning 1, 2
Eugenia Marks Audubon Society of RI	Environmental Issues 4, 6
Ralph Rizzo Federal Highway Administration	Federal Advisory Member 1, 2
Richard Greenwood RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission	State Historic Preservation 1, 2

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The CEDS Subcommittee is composed of the following members:

Amrita Hill RI Economic Development Corporation	State Economic Development 1
Kristine Stuart North Kingstown, RI	Public Member (Environment) 6
Diane Feather Department of Planning City of East Providence, RI	Local Planning (American Planning Association) 1, 2
Thomas Kravitz Town Planner Town of Burrillville, RI	Local Planning 1, 2
Sharon Conard-Wells ** West Elmwood Housing Corp. Providence, RI	Business Development 2, 4, 5
Joseph Newsome** South Providence Dev. Corp. Providence, RI	Business Development 2, 4, 5
Christopher Dyer, Ph.D.** Center for Public Policy Rhode Island College Providence, RI	Academia 6
Sheila Brush** Grow Smart Rhode Island Providence, RI	Community Organization 4

* Interest represented:

- 1 Public Leadership
- 2 Economic and Business Development
- 3 Employment and Training Sector
- 4 Community Organizations
- 5 Distressed Population, Women and Minorities
- 6 Other

** Invited member of the CEDS Subcommittee

D. Analysis of CEDS Committee Structure and Representation

The formulation of the CEDS begins with policy direction from the State Planning Council. This includes strong input from leaders of the public and private sectors. The Technical Committee, providing input from the local government practitioner and community organization level, frames the specific objectives of the plan. The CEDS Subcommittee, organized to reflect a balance between community and economic development interests, sets the criteria and evaluates the development strategies which become integral components of the plan. The process runs full cycle as each step is reported back through the respective committee until it is adopted at the highest level as policy by the State Planning Council (the CEDS Committee).

The CEDS committee structure is thus more than just a reflection of the interests represented on the State Planning Council. The Technical Committee and the CEDS Subcommittee have become a major part of the CEDS committee process – first, by the balance of values and interests they bring to it, and second, because they have traditionally been the ones to establish the details of CEDS project solicitation, evaluation and selection.

The diversity of membership in the 2002 CEDS Committee is documented in Table 1.

Table 1
CEDS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The membership of the CEDS Committee (State Planning Council), its Technical Committee, and the CEDS Subcommittee breaks down as follows:

	<u>CEDS Committee</u>		<u>Technical Committee</u>		<u>CEDS Subcommittee</u>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Voting Members:	17	100	18	100	8	100
By sex:						
Male	13	76	13	72	3	38
Female	4	24	5	28	5	62
By Race:						
White	17	100	18	89	5	62
Non-white	0	0	2	11	3	38
By Type:						
Elected State Officials	1	5	0	0	0	0
Appointed State	7	41	8	44	1	13
Elected Local Officials	3	18	1	6	0	0
Appointed Local	2	12	5	27	2	24
Public Members	2	12	1	6	1	13
Other	2	12	3	17	4	50
Interest Represented:						
Public Leadership	16		15		3	
Economic and Business	3		10		4	
Development Organization	0		0		0	
Employment and Training Sector	0		0		0	
Community Organizations	1		2		3	
Distressed Population,	0		1		2	
Women and Minorities	0		3		2	
Other						
RI Population 2000 Census						
White	891,191	85				
Non-white	128,877	12				